

Please cancel claims 18-31, without prejudice.

Claims 38 and 39 have been amended and are as follows:

38. A method of preventing an individual from having chronic pain, the method comprising the step of administering to the individual a therapeutically effective amount of a composition comprising a compound having a pharmacological selectivity of serotonin ( $K_s$ )/norepinephrine ( $K_r$ ) of at least about 5000.

39. A method of treating an individual suffering from chronic pain while diminishing adverse side effects, the method comprising the step of administering to the individual a total dose of about 0.1 to about 10 mg/day of an optically pure (S,S) reboxetine, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, said optically pure (S,S) reboxetine being substantially free of (R,R) reboxetine.

Please cancel claims 41-62, without prejudice.